

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

BLUE RIDGE HIGH

Greenville

Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 1,133

Principal: Reena Watson

Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher

Board Chair: Roger Meek

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Below Average	N/A	Silver	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
17	4	4	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are High Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Passed 2 subtests (%)	80.7%	85.9%	83.9%	84.6%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	12.3%	8.1%	9.5%	9.7%
Passed no subtests (%)	7.1%	5.9%	7.4%	6.3%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	96.7%	94.0%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	310	402
Number of Diplomas	248	315
Rate (%)	80.0%	79.0%

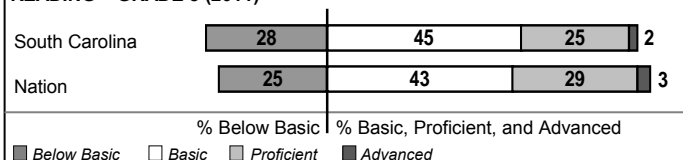
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2011

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	83.3	80.1
English 1	76.9	73.0
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	67.9	77.0
Physical Science	62.7	65.3
US History and the Constitution	48.8	57.3
All Tests	68.0	70.6

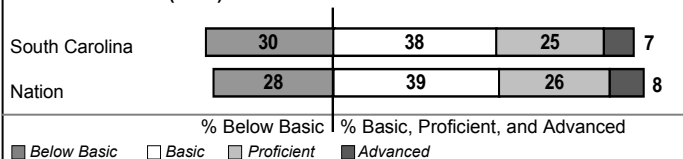
NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

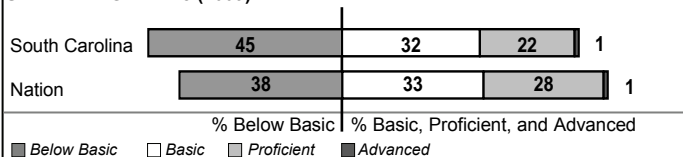
READING – GRADE 8 (2011)



MATH – GRADE 8 (2011)



SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2009)



SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,133)				
Retention rate	2.3%	Down from 5.7%	2.5%	3.4%
Attendance rate	94.7%	Down from 96.4%	94.8%	95.0%
Served by gifted and talented program	12.8%	Down from 16.6%	16.8%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	11.0%	Down from 12.3%	8.3%	9.9%
Older than usual for grade	5.2%	Down from 9.5%	5.3%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.4%	Up from 0.3%	1.1%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	33.5%	Up from 21.1%	26.3%	13.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	38.0%	Down from 49.0%	57.0%	51.7%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	68.3%	Up from 30.1%	35.4%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	3.1%	No Change	2.6%	2.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	4.2%	Up from 3.4%	4.2%	2.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	595	Down from 598	724	419
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	85.0%	Up from 82.1%	83.5%	83.0%
Teachers (n=56)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	60.7%	Down from 65.1%	63.6%	61.1%
Continuing contract teachers	94.6%	Up from 90.5%	82.7%	80.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.8%	Down from 85.9%	88.0%	86.5%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Down from 96.9%	95.6%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,303	Down 2.8%	\$48,479	\$46,884
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.7%	Up from 5.2%	0.6%	2.2%
Professional development days/teacher	6.3 days	Up from 4.8 days	10.0 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	31.9 to 1	Up from 31.6 to 1	28.6 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.7%	Down from 94.4%	89.2%	89.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,173	Down 4.0%	\$6,932	\$7,804
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	59.5%	Up from 58.4%	61.2%	58.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.0%	Down from 61.3%	64.0%	60.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	96.6%	Up from 95.5%	98.9%	97.3%
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	61.5%	Down from 76.9%	76.2%	65.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	44	186	31
Percent satisfied with learning environment	93.2%	82.7%	96.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.5%	90.4%	86.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	72.1%	90.8%	80.0%

*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Blue Ridge High School serves a tightly knit and growing community of diverse families in the northern part of Greenville County. The surrounding area contains many parents and businesses which are highly supportive of school's varied curricular offerings. The PTSA, SIC and various booster clubs have dedicated many hours and resources to help the school achieve its goals in fostering growth for all students in the areas of academic, athletics, and activities, and artistic endeavors. With their assistance and support we are a well rounded AAA school.

In the area of academics, our school offers six Advanced Placement courses, and four foreign languages, along with a number of specialized classes in the fields of horticulture and technology courses. Academic assistance is available before and after school and a credit recovery program operates within the school day. Our 251 graduates received over five million dollars in scholarship offers for the 2010-2011 academic year; 194 students have indicated plans to attend college.

In the area of athletics and student activities, the school provides a complete menu of athletic programs for all students. Four of our athletes were selected as the local players of the year. We also have an award winning Air Force ROTC program which annually leads the school in many service activities and regularly brings awards and honors to BRHS. The FFA program competes at the national level as it allows students the opportunity to grow in expertise in areas of horticulture and animal husbandry.

The Fine Arts program brings students together in band and chorus competitions at district and state levels. Their many trophies and awards fill several display cases at the school. The growing strings program and the dramatic arts program give students additional outlets for their creativity. All programs in the arts help students develop the skills to work within a group as they hone their interpersonal and technical skills.

Beyond the three A's, Blue Ridge High School students also focus on community service with events throughout the year to support community needs. We see our many programs as ways to develop the whole child into bright, committed, ethical, and caring citizens of the future.

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